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In the application of : Brian Unitt
Serial No. : 09/580,865
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For : Non-Return Optical Star Coupler
Examiner : Phan, Hanh
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RESPONSE

Honorable Director of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2003, with reference to the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:-